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### **Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command Awards Contract to HSC**

**SAN DIEGO** – Hughes Space and Communications Company of El Segundo, Calif., is being awarded a \$27,300,000 fixed price option modification under contract N00039-88-0300 for the Navy's eleventh satellite (F11) in the UHF Follow-On communications satellite constellation. This modification contains 12 option Contract Line Item Numbers, which, if exercised, will bring the total cumulative value of the contract modification to \$213,286,790. An HSC artist rendering of a notional concept is pictured on the left.

The satellites in the UHF F/O constellation help satisfy the Defense Department worldwide satellite communication requirements for Ultra High Frequency and Extremely High Frequency radio communications. Satellites in the geosynchronous orbital constellation include Ultra High Frequency (F1-F10), Extremely High Frequency (F4-F10), Super High Frequency (F1-F7) and Global Broadcast Service (F8-F10) capability. These systems include protected fleet broadcast to all navy ships plus command and control networks to selected aircraft, ships, submarines and ground forces. Following the launch of the F10 spacecraft, scheduled for November 21, the UHF Follow-On constellation will consist of eight modified 39-channel Hughes HS-601 satellites and one in-orbit spare.

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) identified a requirement for an option to procure an additional satellite to be launched from Cape Canaveral Air Station, Fla., in late 2003, which mirrors the capability of the current UHF Follow-On satellites. The period of performance for the base period is from November 1999 to September 2003. The prime contractor work will be performed in El Segundo. Sub-component work will be performed in a variety of locations to be determined. This contract will be funded with Research, Design, Test and Engineering funds and Weapons Procurement Navy funds. Contract funds will not expire at the end of the fiscal year. This modification was awarded on a sole source basis in accordance with the Commerce Business Daily announcement of July 14, 1998. The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in San Diego is the contracting activity (N00039-88-C-0300).

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